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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing  
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format  
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.  
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

see supplementary page

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Re.: Point V.

- 1 In the present opinion, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6 188 304 B1 (DAVID ALLEN SCORE ET AL)  
February 13, 2001 (2001-02- 13)

- 2 Document D1 is considered to be the most proximate related art. It discloses (Claim 1, column 3, line 45 through line 53, Figure 1):

*"An ignition coil for a gasoline engine having a coil core, in which a primary magnetic field is inducible via a current-carrying, essentially coil-shaped primary winding, and an essentially coil-shaped secondary winding, in which, due to the primary magnetic field, an energy field, which controls at least one spark plug, is able to be built up, a premagnetization device for forming a premagnetization field opposite the primary magnetic field being effective at the coil core."*

from which the object of the independent Claim 1 differs in that:

*"the premagnetization device has a current-carrying, essentially coil-shaped premagnetization winding."*

- 2.1 The object of Claim 1 is thus novel (Article 33 (2) PCT). The object to be achieved by the present invention may thus be viewed in the fact that a flexible and temperature-independent premagnetization of the iron core is possible without simultaneous constructive retrofitting.

2.2 The achievement of the object proposed in Claim 1 of the present application is based on inventive step (Article 33 (3) PCT) for the following reasons:

***The premagnetization device according to the present invention has no permanent magnet.***

2.3 Claims 2 through 8 are dependent on Claim 1 and therefore also fulfill the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step.